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EXTRA. 2 O'CLOCK. JUST MISSED DEATH.

A Catastrophe Barely Averted in the Florence Building.

Walls Trembled from the Crowd in the Fourth District Court.

Probable Panic Stayed by Justice Stecker.

The trial room of the Fourth District Court, in the old Florence Building, at First street and Second avenue, was packed with humanity at 2:30 o'clock this morning when a policeman showed his way through the crowd and whispered a few words to Civil Justice Alfred Stecker, who was presiding there.

The officer's face was pale and he was evidently much excited. Justice-elect Henry Bolte, of the Fourth District, sat beside Justice Stecker on the bench, and when he heard what the officer said he looked apprehensively at the jam in the courtroom.

What the officer told Justice Stecker was to this effect: "The building is shaking, and is likely to fall any minute."

Justice Stecker proved equal to the emergency. He secured the attention of the people in court by rapping vigorously for order, and then made this announcement, in the most matter-of-fact way imaginable:

"I am informed by this officer of a matter that will prevent my holding court here this morning.

"All cases on this docket, except those of landlord and tenant, will be heard by Justice Moore in the Jefferson Market Court Building.

"I am informed that the hallway leading to this room is crowded with people and in order that there may be no accidents, I have to request that each and every one of you depart in a quiet and orderly manner.

"Take your time. Don't crowd. Let those in the hallway know that this court now stands adjourned for this day."

Justice Stecker's advice was acted on by those present, only a few of them, however, realizing the urgency for it.

Some of them among the number several lawyers, observed that the building was shaking under the weight of humanity it contained.

These lawyers, with great presence of mind, seconded the efforts of Justice Stecker and Bolte, Chief Clerk Harburger and his assistant, Alexander Bremer, to get the crowd out without mishap.

It was only when the mob was congregated on the sidewalk that it learned of the danger that had threatened.

The people who were turned out of the building were told where to go, but they did not understand the orders.

Many of them thought that they were to be deprived of justice and for a while excitement ran high. The majority of the litigants were ignorant, and they persisted in remaining around the outside of the building.

A squad of police surrounded them and proceeded to use force where argument had failed. The excited litigants were rounded up and started on the shortest route to Jefferson Market. It looked like a pilgrimage from the east side to the west.

After an hour or so Justice Stecker opened court in one of the unoccupied rooms in Jefferson Market. Loungers around the building did not know what to make of the strange class of people that swarmed in upon them.

lapse being attended with great loss of life.

An investigation into the condition of the Florence Building at the present time may reveal the fact that danger has long been threatening there, as well as fix the responsibility for its occupancy as a court-building, after it had been condemned as unsafe.

The policeman who notified Justice Stecker of the danger threatening said that he had been told by a man on the street that he had seen the front wall of the structure moving, and that he thought it was about to fall out into the street.

The Florence Building is owned by Edwin J. Einstein, Republican candidate for Mayor against Mr. Gilroy in 1902.

The building is a five-story brick and iron structure, and was built about forty years ago.

The ground floor is occupied as a saloon, restaurant and pool-room.

The cellar is occupied as a Russian bath establishment.

The first floor is divided up into offices, one part of it being reserved as a hall-room. The clerk of the Fourth District Court also has an office on this floor.

The second floor is used for the Fourth District Court room.

The third floor is occupied partly by a pocket-book factory, and partly by the Photo-Photo Company, in which Mr. Einstein, the owner of the building, is a partner.

The fourth and fifth floors are used by various lodges and benevolent societies as meeting rooms.

There is hardly a night that these meeting-rooms are not occupied by from 300 to 400 people.

IS IT HER OWN CHILD'S BODY?

Mrs. Martner Would Make Sure of the Corpse in the Trench.

Her Boy Buried Three Months Before She Knew It.

Augusta Martner, a little German woman, attired in black, went to the Health Department office to-day and procured a permit to remove from a trench in Potter's Field, Hatz's Island, the coffin containing the body of her four-year-old child Otto, who died in Riverside Hospital, North Brother Island, of scarlet fever on April 8 last.

The woman was in great distress because the officials would not issue a permit to open the coffin that she might satisfy herself that the body was really that of her dead child. They feared that disease might spread by doing so.

To an "Evening World" reporter Mrs. Martner complained bitterly of the treatment she had received at the hands of the Health Department officials, and that her child had been dead and buried in Potter's Field three months before she knew it.

During this period she had made frequent inquiries at the Health Department, asking for the body of her child, but getting along all right. Lulled into the security of belief that her child was getting well, the mother said she was shocked when about four months subsequent to his admission to the hospital she was informed that Otto was dead and buried in Potter's Field.

She now says that as she was deceived as to the true condition of affairs, it is hard to believe that the body for which she was waiting was not the body of her child which is delivered to her.

According to Mrs. Martner's story, the boy Otto was in an institution, 4 East Seventeenth street, where she paid his board by working as a cook for the family in One Hundred and Twenty-first street.

He was taken ill, and the Health Department officials, for disinterested motives, said that Otto was dead and buried in Potter's Field.

ASKS FOR RECEIVER.

Attorney-General Takes St. Nicholas Bank Affairs to Court.

Action Begun to Dissolve the Institution's Charter.

Injunction Also Asked to Restrain Depositors from Suing.

Application was made this morning before Justice Triest, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, for a temporary receiver for the St. Nicholas Bank, whose doors were closed yesterday by Bank Superintendent Preston.

The application was made by Deputy Attorney-General John W. Hogan, who came down from Albany last night. State Department was also present.

Several of the bank officials, including President Graves and Cashier Gardner, were also present. With them were Lawyers William Allen Butler and F. J. Mather, who appeared as counsel for the bank.

As soon as Justice Triest was ready to hear the motion, Mr. Hogan stated to the court that Attorney-General Roosevelt had begun the action for the dissolution of the charter of the St. Nicholas Bank, and asked for the appointment of a temporary receiver to wind up its affairs, also for an injunction restraining creditors from bringing suits against the bank.

He added that the action was based upon the report of Supt. Preston, who had made a thorough examination of the bank's affairs and had found its capital had been impaired to a serious extent.

He said he understood there was no position on the part of the bank of depositors to the appointment of a receiver, and that it was generally conceded that the situation was such that the bank must go into liquidation.

In reply to this Mr. Mather stated that it was due to the officers of the bank to state that they had found the notice of the Superintendent upon the doors of the bank, and that they had not received the slightest intimation of the alleged insolvency, if such were the fact.

"If any notice had been given two days ago to the directors of the bank, there was any impairment of capital, real or fancied, it would have been made up immediately."

"Yesterday morning an offer was actually made to the representatives of the bank to take over the bank, and the necessary concessions were made to aid in raising the necessary capital, but we were not permitted to do so."

"The situation is this exactly. By the middle of the afternoon and financial condition of the bank is such that the directors are absolutely secured."

"The question of the impairment of the capital of the bank, stockholders, and they are still secured to the amount of more than \$200,000 out of a total of \$250,000."

"It is only just that in the appointment of the receivers that their wishes should be taken into consideration."

Mr. Mather stated that a majority of the stockholders had signed a petition, asking for the appointment of a receiver, and that the directors had also favored Mr. Lathrop.

He was a man above reproach, and well known in the community. Besides having more at stake than any one else, being the largest depositor and largest stockholder of the bank.

It is understood that Chairman Tappan of the Clearing-House Committee, has suggested to Supt. Preston the propriety of returning all money deposits to the stockholders, and that the money is said to be now on special deposit at the Gallatin National Bank.

Mr. Mather will probably comply with the request.

SHOPLIFTER FROM TRENTON.

Mary Smith Caught with Her Plunder in Macy's Store.

MR. KEENEY ARRESTED

President of the Defunct Commercial Bank of Brooklyn.

Like His Cashier. He Is Charged with Perjury.

\$30,000 The Amount of Bail Required in His Case.

Soth L. Keeney, President of the wrecked Commercial Bank, of Brooklyn, was arrested this morning by Detective Harbo, of District-Attorney Hildway's office, on a charge of perjury.

The arrest took place as Mr. Keeney was leaving his office in the Phoenix Building, in Court street.

The detective stepped up to Mr. Keeney and taking him by the arm, remarked: "Mr. Keeney, District-Attorney Hildway would like to see you."

At 11 o'clock, twenty minutes after his arrest, Mr. Keeney, accompanied by his counsel, Col. Lamb, Adolph Simis, counsel for Cashier Vail, and Assistant District-Attorney Clark, entered the Court of Sessions.

Mr. Keeney was arraigned before the court and asked by Judge Moore if he knew he had been indicted for perjury by the Grand Jury. Col. Lamb spoke for him.

"The defendant," said Col. Lamb, "pleads not guilty, and asks to be admitted to bail."

Assistant District-Attorney Clark said he did not oppose Mr. Keeney being admitted to bail.

"The prisoner," he said, "is charged with only one crime which is embodied in the indictment. The Grand Jury in its investigations found that Cashier Vail, who is to be arraigned this morning, was guilty of a series of crimes. The case of Mr. Keeney, however, is different, inasmuch as only one charge is preferred, and I have the assurance of the Grand Jury that there will be no more indictments for felonies found against him, although there may be misdemeanors. If Your Honor please, I would suggest that the prisoner be admitted to bail at once."

"Do I understand," said Judge Moore, "that the District-Attorney expects more indictments for felonies against Cashier Vail, while in Mr. Keeney's case there are to be no more charges against him?"

"In that case," Judge Moore continued, "I shall fix bail at \$30,000."

Immediately after bail was fixed, Mr. Keeney was taken back to the District-Attorney's office, followed by his counsel, Col. Lamb.

The following names were submitted to the District-Attorney by Col. Lamb from which the bondsmen were to be selected: Ex-Congressman Felix Campbell, D. H. Valentine, William H. Hazen, A. Van Dusen, James J. Dwyer, Dwyer, Crockett Hodges, E. D. White, N. A. White, Franklin Lyman and E. W. Bliss.

It was expected that President Keeney would be arrested today, because when Cashier John Vail was arrested yesterday it was known that the false report which he sent to the State Banking Department last June, concealing the true condition of the bank's financial affairs and upon which the indictment was based, was also signed and sworn to by the President, Mr. Keeney.

Mr. Keeney is a Brooklyn Bridge trustee, and has during the last fifteen years been identified in various ways with the speculation and control of the Brooklyn Eagle stock, and is at the head of the firm of Crawford & Keeney, contractors, who do most of the grading and paving for the city of Brooklyn. He has always been a prominent figure in the community.

He is sixty-two years old, and came to Brooklyn in 1866, since when he is said to have amassed a fortune of about \$200,000.

About four years ago he was elected President of the Commercial Bank. He is also director of the Brooklyn City Railroad, the Long Island Loan and Trust Company, the Brooklyn Eagle Corporation, the Brooklyn Bridge Company, the E. W. Bliss Manufacturing Company, and many other corporations.

He is married, and has a wife and two children.

His son, Adolph Keeney, is said to have been interested in the Colorado mines, which were owned by Hassel, whose death was the cause of the Commercial Bank was partly instrumental in causing the wreck of the institution.

THE MUGWUMP AND THE DEMOCRAT.



Or the Ins and Outs of Politics at Washington.

SHOT FOR A BURGLAR.

George Scofield Fatally Wounded by His Neighbor.

Johnson Followed Him Into His Own Apartments.

Peculiar Early Morning Tragedy at Perth Amboy, N. J.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Dec. 22.—A tragedy was enacted here at 2 o'clock this morning which may result fatally. George Scofield shot his friend and neighbor, James Johnson, mistaking him for a burglar, and Johnson will probably die.

George Scofield and James Johnson both reside in the same house, at 50 Jefferson street. The house is a three-story building. Both men are married. Johnson has one child. Scofield occupies the lower part of the house and Johnson dwells upstairs.

Johnson attended a lodge meeting last night. Scofield did not know that Johnson was out. Johnson returned home at 2 o'clock this morning. He entered the front door with a pass key and went upstairs to his rooms.

Scofield heard the noise of the opening of the door and fancied a burglar was breaking into the house. He got out his 22-caliber revolver and started to hunt for the burglar.

He overtook Johnson in the dining-room of Johnson's own apartments. Without saying a word or asking a question, he fired at Johnson in the darkness.

The bullet entered Johnson's neck, just missing the spinal column. When Scofield discovered the awful mistake he had made he was overwhelmed with grief and dismay.

Dr. J. Martin Bruce was called in. He did what he could for Johnson, but does not think he has any prospects for recovery.

Scofield was arrested and held.

DIPHTHERIA CARTED ABOUT.

A Child Refused at Gouverneur Driven Around in an Ambulance.

A rather strange story of the promiscuous carting about of a patient suffering from diphtheria was reported to Police Headquarters this morning from the Eldridge street station.

GOVERNMENT SECRET SERVICE MEN

After Joseph Don Jam.

He Has Threatened the Vice-President and Several Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A crank who signed himself Joseph Don Jam, of 73 Passaic street, Newark, N. J., is wanted by the Secret Service of the Government for writing threatening letters to a number of prominent officers of the Government, though he had singled out Vice-President Stevenson as the man to whom to send most of his epistles.

During the long silver fight, the Vice-President's mail contained many threatening letters, but the cranks were mostly of the spasmodic order. Don Jam, however, was persistent and nearly every day a scolding letter threatening vengeance.

The letters were generally thrown away, until at a dinner one evening Secretary Carlisle informed Mr. Stevenson that he received several threatening letters from Don Jam and that Senators Sherman and Mills also had been objects of attention on the part of the crank.

The matter was thereupon turned over to Chief Drummond, of the Secret Service, who ascertained that Don Jam actually lived at the address given and that he was a native of New Jersey.

An unavailing search was made for him, but he was not found. He was located upon Thursday, when, upon receipt of another threatening letter by Vice-President Stevenson, demanding \$25,000, and saying that Don Jam was stopping at 105 Eutaw street, Baltimore, a telegram was sent to the Chief of Police in Baltimore advising Don Jam's arrest. No answer has been received as yet.

ROBBED OF \$30,000.

Masked Burglars Loot Christopher Meyer's Residence.

MASPETH, L. I., Dec. 22.—At 2 o'clock this morning two masked burglars broke into the residence of Christopher Meyer, a brother of Cord Meyer, Jr., Democratic candidate for Secretary of State at the last election.

Christopher Meyer's house is situated at the corner of Grand street and Maiden Lane. When the burglars entered the only occupants of the house were Mr. Meyer's two sisters, both maiden ladies.

They had just returned from a reception which had been held in the Amphion Theatre, in Brooklyn.

It was stated that property to the value of \$30,000 was taken.

NEW MAYBRICK SENSATION.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In an interview with the solicitor of Baroness Reques, the lawyer said that fresh and sensational evidence had been discovered in favor of Mrs. Maybrick, and that urgent means were being taken to induce Lord Henry Asquith, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, to open an independent inquiry.

SAVED HER FATHER.

Emma Snyder Carried Him Out of a Burning Tenement.

Panic in a Twelfth Street Crowded "Double-Decker."

Baby Injured by Its Mother's Fall While Going Down the Escape.

A fire of mysterious origin caused a panic in the crowded tenement-house 502 East Twelfth street early this morning, and but for its timely discovery would have caused great loss of life.

The tenement is a "double-decker" five-story brick building. In the neighborhood it is known as the "Home of the Old Folks." It derives this name from the fact of the number of aged people who have long lived under its roof.

Henry Snyder, the housekeeper, is past seventy years of age, and he has four tenants older than himself.

Mrs. Jennie Jameson, who lives on the third floor with her husband and two-year-old child, went out at 5 o'clock to the bakery.

She returned five minutes later, and as she ascended the stairs she smelled burning wood. When she reached the second floor she was met by a volume of smoke which seemed to come from the rear of the house.

There are thirteen families in the house. Few of the people were awake. Mrs. Jameson first rushed to the door of the Snyder's apartment, and found it locked. She then started down the narrow winding stairs for the street.

By this time the smoke was blinding and suffocating. The old man was affected by it before he got to the first floor, and his daughter was forced to carry him to the street.

Mrs. Jameson, in the mean while, had rushed upstairs to her own room. The people in the upper part of the house flocked into the halls, half dressed, and being met by the dense smoke, and hearing some one cry that the stairways were burning, ran upstairs by way of escape. From there they escaped by way of the adjoining building.

Some made use of the fire escape in the front of the house. Of these latter was Mrs. Jameson, the discoverer of the smoke. She was taken to the hospital with her baby in her arms.

Opposite the first floor the woman slipped, and the child's head struck the stone step of the progress of the fire. The actual damage will not exceed \$200. The place is owned by Isaac Newman and is insured.

Drave a Nail Into Her Head.

ATLANTA, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Frank Rooden, 415 Westmoreland street, injured her head last evening when she deliberately drove a two-inch nail into the top of her head, wounding it down to the brain. She was taken to the hospital, where she is now recovering. The nail was discovered two days ago and removed, but the late to save her life.

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EXTRA. 2 O'CLOCK. CITY OF RIO REPORTED CAPTURED.

Pernambuco Hears That the Brazilian Rebels Have Triumphed.

AND THAT PEIXOTO IS TAKEN.

Admiral De Mello Said to Be Now at the Head of the Republic.

POSITIVE DETAILS LACKING.

Victory the Alleged Result of a Combined Naval Movement.

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PERNAMBUCO, Dec. 22.—The most sensational rumors are in circulation here, and as they come from various sources and directions, it would seem that the report which is causing so much commotion is widespread.

According to this report, which reached here from Rio de Janeiro, to-day the insurgent fleet after two days of desultory fighting with the Government troops has made a determined and successful attack upon Rio de Janeiro, and has resulted in the capture of that city.

It is said that President Peixoto has resigned the Presidency in favor of Admiral de Mello, and that Peixoto is a prisoner in the hands of his enemies.

These are the statements as they have reached us here.

It is right to add that the authorities of Pernambuco, who have been questioned on the subject, doubt the truth of the startling reports.

The Associated Press correspondent is unable to obtain any reply to his messages sent south, and messages from the Associated Press correspondent at Rio have, apparently, been intercepted.

This would give color to the report that something of an extraordinary nature has occurred.

PERU AND ECUADOR MAY FIGHT.

Panama Newspaper Sees War Clouds on the Horizon.

PANAMA, Dec. 22.—The Star and Herald says: Exciting news comes from Ecuador which indicates that a war between that country and Peru is now almost a certainty. Advice from Guayaquil states that the Executive has issued a bulletin intended to lessen the impression caused by the recent hostile demonstrations towards the Ecuadorian legation in Quito, in Guayaquil, etc.

The ring leaders have been imprisoned, and at the Legation and the Consulate special guards have been detailed for protection. In Ecuador the feeling is strong a circular has been posted calling on the Government to dismiss all persons employed in Government departments, and suggesting that a fund be raised to return such indigent Ecuadorians as are at present in Peru.

TRAMPS HOLD UP POLICEMEN.

Oaklousa Militia May Be Called Out to Suppress a Gang.

OAKLAOSA, Ia., Dec. 22.—Great excitement was caused here yesterday by a gang of fifteen tramps who held up a patrol of fifteen police officers, and robbed them of all their valuables. So much alarm was created that the local militia company, a unit of 25 men, was called out to suppress the gang. The tramps were captured, and the militia returned to their quarters.

SUICIDE IN A WINE-ROOM.

Walter Shoots Himself After Falling to Kill Another Man.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Frank Kornfeld, at the Budweiser wine room last night, drew a revolver, and after firing one shot at Henry Kelling blew his own brains out, dying instantly. Beyond a bruise on the abdomen, where a metal button struck the ball, Kelling was uninjured. Both men were waiters, and Kornfeld tried to kill Kelling in revenge for the latter's effort to have him discharged.

COTTON EXCHANGE FAILURE.

S. H. Sodesken, a Small Operator, Forced to Suspend.

The failure of S. H. Sodesken, a small operator on the Cotton Exchange, was announced this morning.